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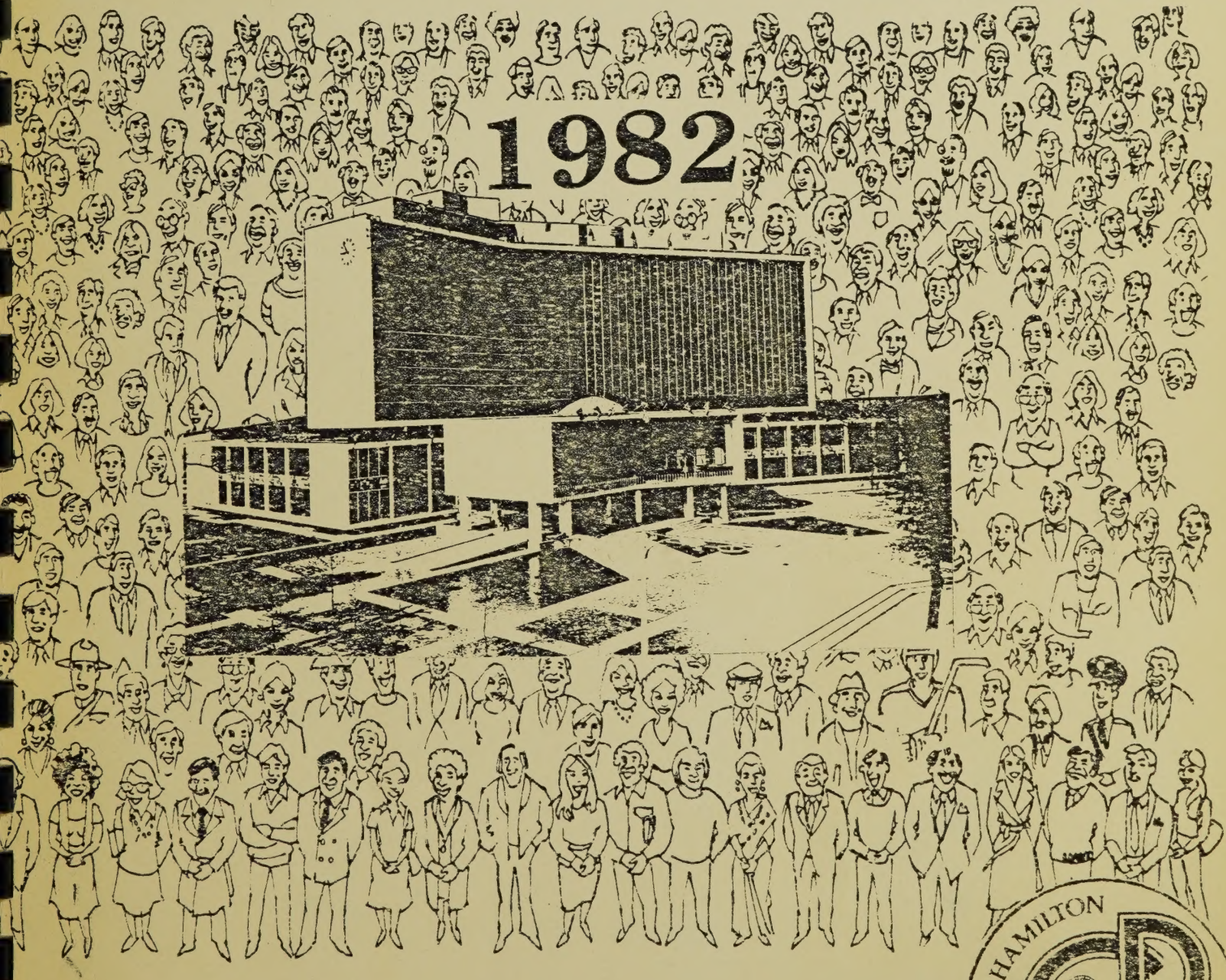
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE & RECREATION



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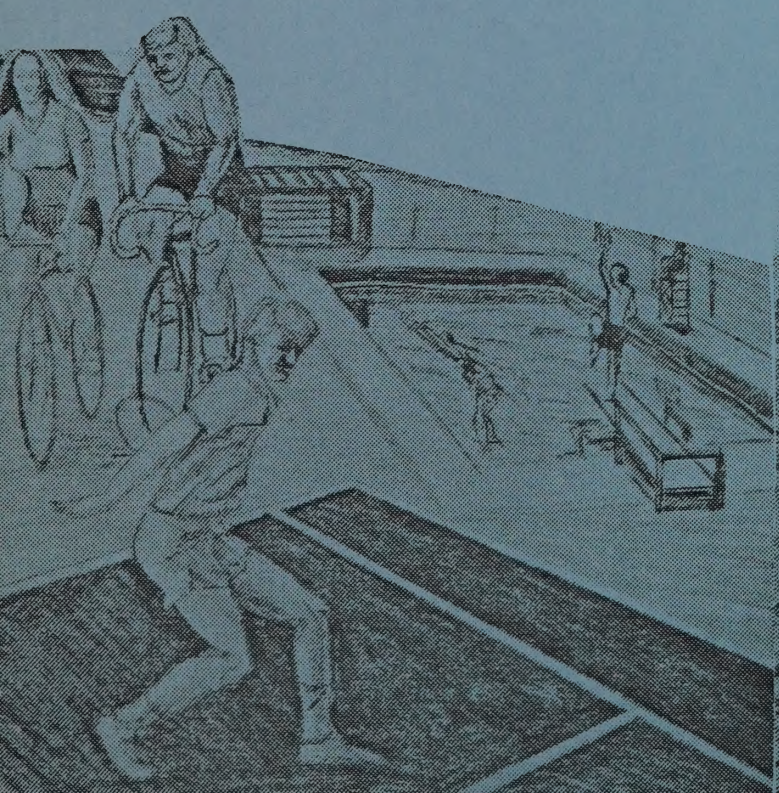
DIRECTORS 1982 Report

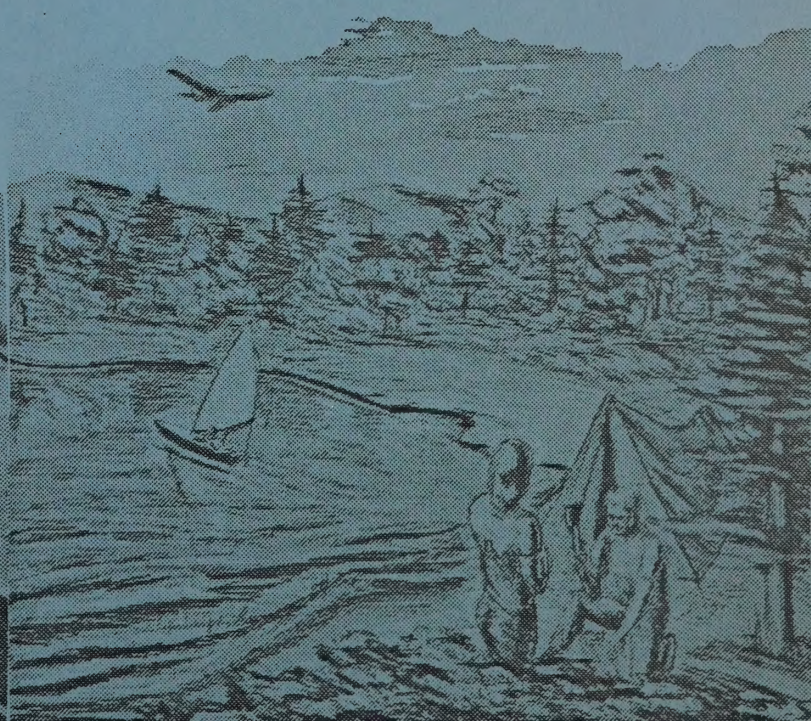
The Department of Culture and Recreation has been under transition over the past few years. Our roots as a Recreation Department with links to the Parks Division have been joined by our Cultural counterparts towards a balance of services provided for the citizens of Hamilton in their leisure time.

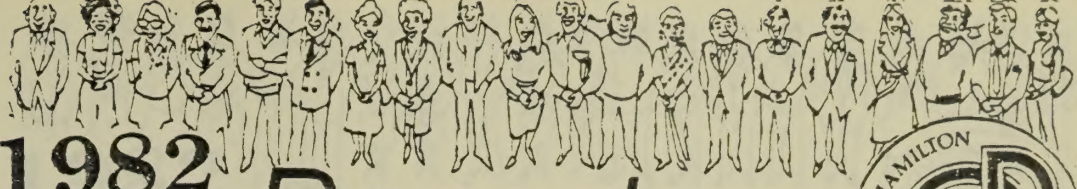
The changes within the Department have been to attempt to maximize the resources and to provide improved quality of service to which Hamilton has been accustomed. We will continue to evaluate our organization and operations to establish better ways to serve the increasing demands for constructive use of leisure time.

The annual report for 1982 attempts to highlight the challenge of providing facilities, programs and services. Our staff will continue to be concerned foremostly with 'people' and with their interests during their discretionary time. Our appreciation is extended to all individuals, groups, organizations and agencies who aid in the delivery of Culture and Recreation services.

(Miss) Audell Schimmel
DIRECTOR OF CULTURE AND RECREATION







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Our Goals:

1. To provide the opportunity for involvement in recreation and cultural activities for all ages.
2. To assure current programs are relevant and new needs and interests can be developed.
3. To develop philosophies and skills for community and organizational development for Hamilton.
4. To encourage and support programs of training to improve professional and volunteer leadership.
5. To ensure community and organizational resources are optimized and relevant to your needs.

Our Services:

1. To provide facilities and programs at recreation centres, arenas, museums, and sports parks, year-round.
2. To provide for the community use of schools and the use of school grounds.
3. To provide summer programs in the areas of day camps, playgrounds, and tennis.
4. To co-ordinate the use of sports fields to soccer, football, baseball and specialty organizations.
5. To facilitate the development of neighbourhood and community councils and the services they offer.
6. To preserve our Hamilton heritage by research and acquisition of artifacts.
7. To develop co-ordination with both cultural and recreational organization in Hamilton.
8. To provide leadership training and development within the bounds of culture and recreation.
9. To plan the municipal culture and recreation short term and long term developments.

Our Staff:

Both our full-time and part-time staff can be found to be warm, friendly and informed of the leisure field. Their efforts are directed to provide the programs and services which meet your needs. We invite you to tap this community resource.

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FACILITIES

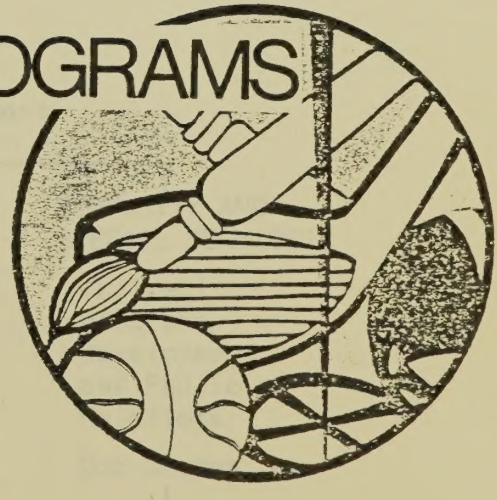
Direct Operation:

- District Centres
- Arenas
- Outdoor Pools
- Historical Sites
- Playgrounds
- Basic Tennis Information
- Adventure Camps

Leisure Support Services:

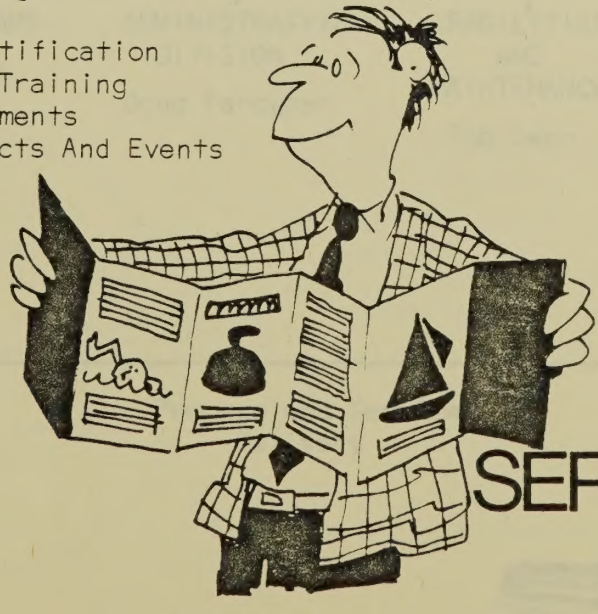
- Allotment of outdoor sport facilities
- Subsidized use of school facilities
- Community and Neighbourhood groups
- Liason with public and private sectors
- Special population needs
- Heritage Co-operators

PROGRAMS



Leadership and Community Development:

- Seminars and Symposiums
- Hockey and Ringette Guidelines
- Sport Clinics
- Lifeguard Certification
- Summer Staff Training
- Student Placements
- Special Projects And Events



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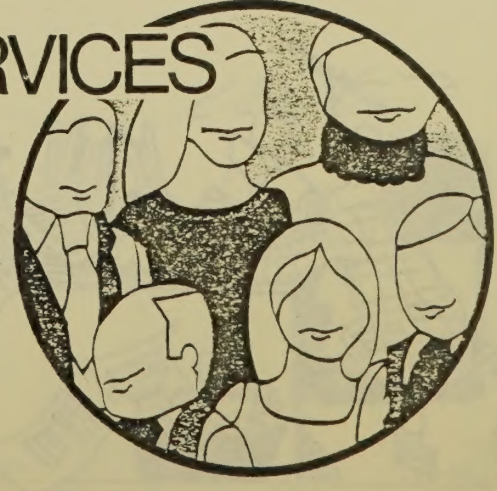
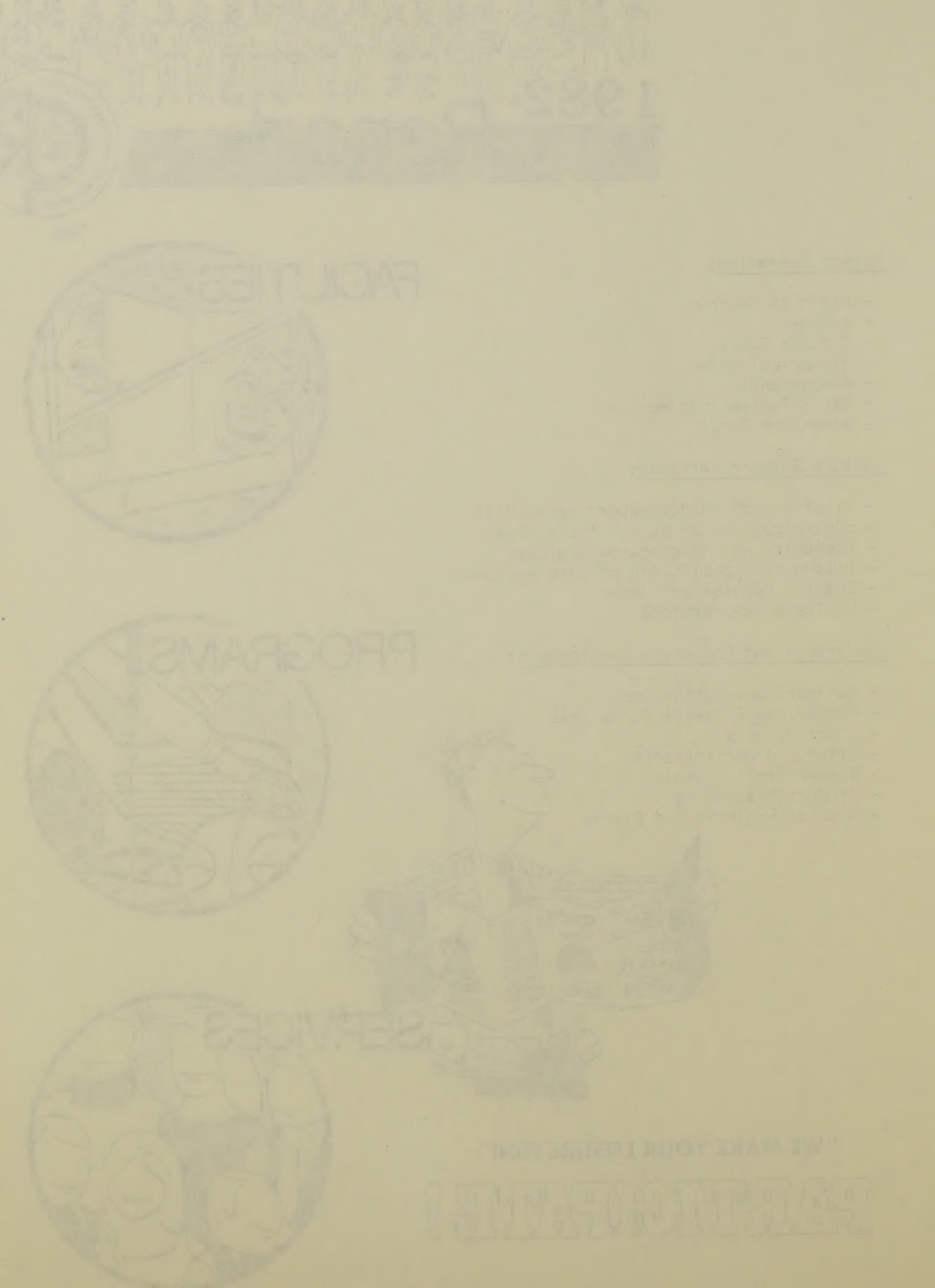


"WE MAKE YOUR LEISURE FUN!"

PARTICIPATE!



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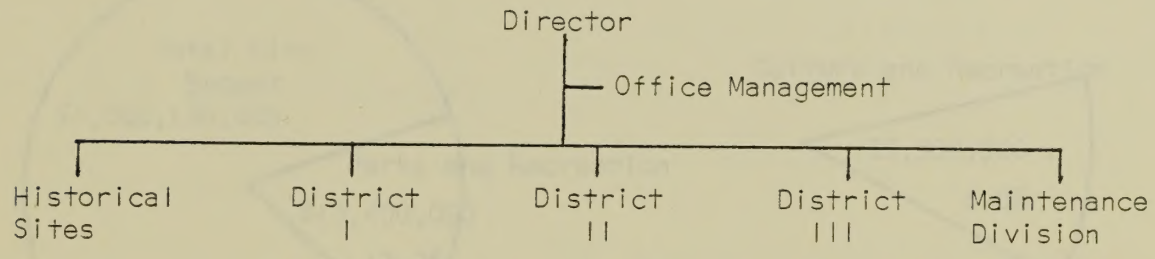

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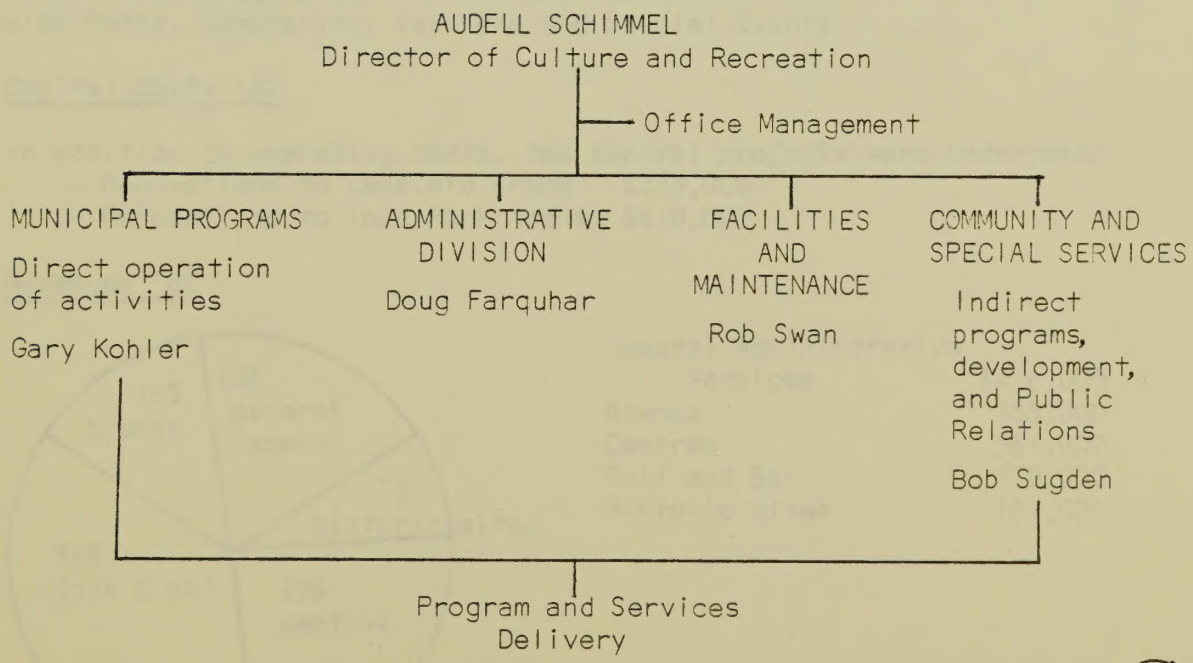

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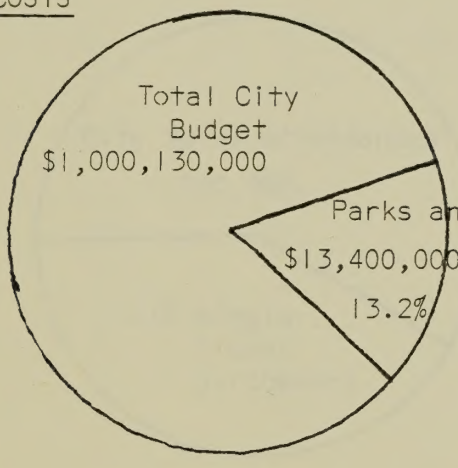
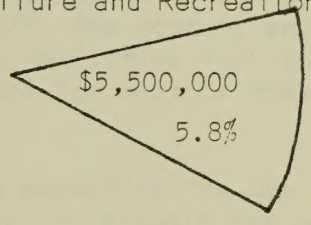
COSTS



Culture and Recreation



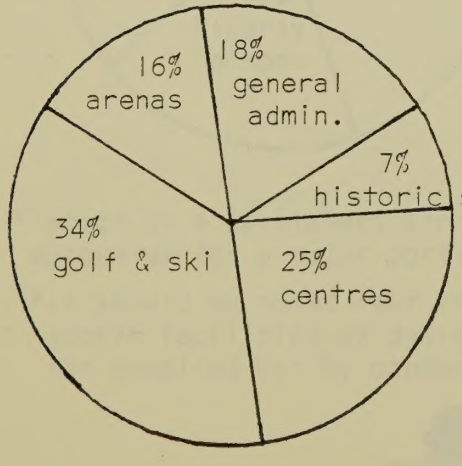
Administration	$ 894,000
Community Services	483,000
Arenas & Pools	603,000
Centres	2,688,000
Golf & Ski	160,000
Historic Sites	672,000

The Department of Culture and Recreation reports to the Parks and Recreation Committee, which establishes budgets for Culture and Recreation and also Parks, Cemeteries, Veterans and Special Events.

Capital Costs '82

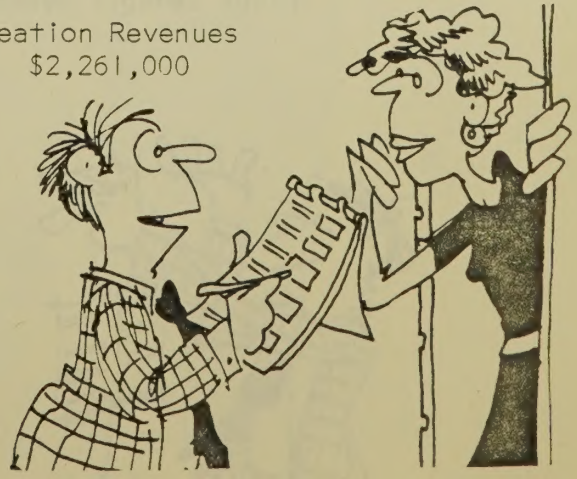
In addition to operating costs, two capital projects were undertaken
- Renovations to Lawfield Arena $233,000
- Renovations to Inch Park Arena $610,000

Revenues '82



General Administrative Services	$416,000
Arenas	353,000
Centres	561,000
Golf and Ski	770,000
Historic Sites	161,000

Total Culture and Recreation Revenues
$2,261,000



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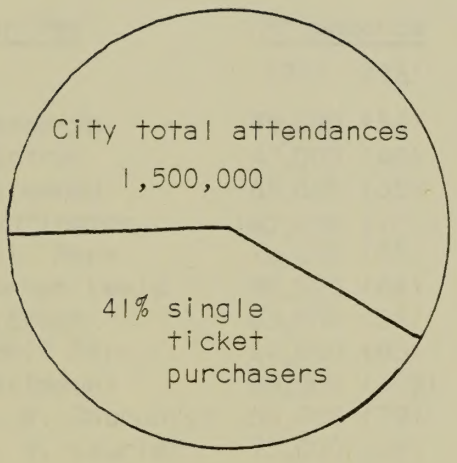


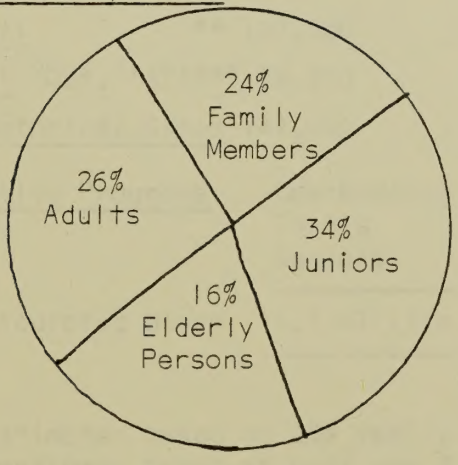
Although general attendance and membership statistics reflect a slight decrease in 1982*, the economy and closure of some facilities for renovations do account for most of these figures.

The interesting aspect is the use of "memberships" by individuals has been increasing which might reflect satisfaction in their programs and the tight leisure dollar for other involvements.

Attendances - 1,500,000

Centres	- 49%
Arenas	- 27%
Golf	- 12%
Historical	- 10%
Others	- 2%

Membership Users:

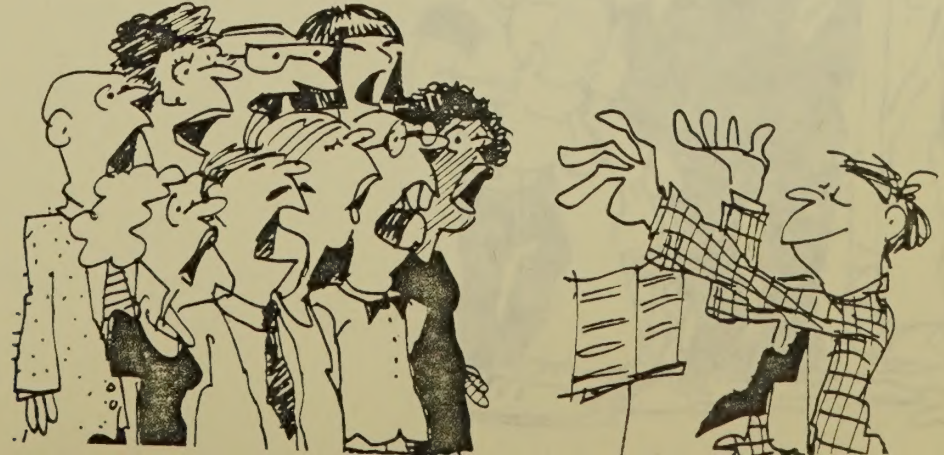


Seasonal Memberships have been serving over 37,550 persons at directly operated facilities and allied services over the past year.

The alternative to the membership program is the pay-as-you-go system and is used by 41% of the clientele.

*Impact of a caretakers strike at school-attached recreation centres accounted for a major portion of reduced attendances.

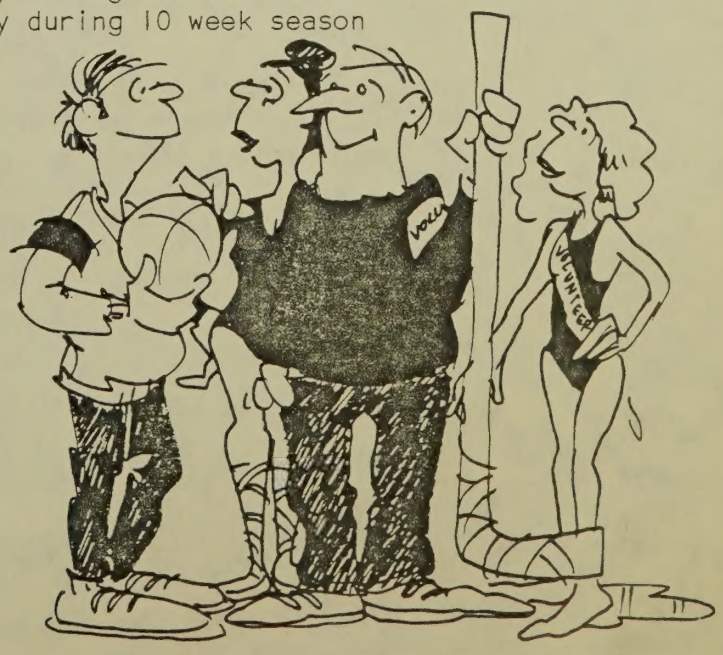
**It should be noted that the entire subject of parks use and outdoor sports facilities as designated and allotted by the Department are not compiled but by conservative estimate equal these figures again.



Users '82

Centres	Attendance 1982	Attendance 1981	Members 1982	Members 1981	Tickets 1982	Tickets 1981
Bennetto	55,000	(54)	683	(680)	7,676	(11,000)
Central	47,000	(46)	577	(682)	7,346	(9,000)
Dalewood	65,000	(65)	1,193	(1096)	3,367	(3,000)
Huntington	100,000	(101)	1,784	(1949)	5,340	(7,000)
Hill Park	76,000	(85)	1,499	(1798)	9,120	(8,000)
Norman Lewis	80,000	(64)	1,415	(1502)	11,349	(7,000)
Ryerson	63,000	(86)	1,116	(1183)	5,387	(7,000)
Scott Park	64,000	(60)	757	(819)	8,464	(11,000)
Westmount	88,000	(103)	2,100	(2220)	8,500	(8,000)
S. W. Churchill	64,000	(79)	1,218	(1174)	11,000	(11,000)
S. W. Laurier	75,000	(88)	1,397	(1363)	9,020	(11,000)
	777,000	(down6%)	13,739	(down5%)	86,569	(down8%)
			*indiv. est. 26,000 members			
Arenas	414,	(down8%)	620	(down28%)C	374,000	(down20%)
Golf **	187,300		2,150	(down11%)	32,500	(up 16%)
Ski (Oct. '82)***	28,300		420	(up 10%)	15,700	(up 29%)
Historical Sites	147,000		—		107,000	
Allied Programs	Lawnbowling		580 members	(up8%)	—	
	Tennis		2400 members	(down7%)	—	
	Seniors		5000 members	(up4%)	—	
Calculated Users	1.5 million		37,550 members		615,769 tickets	

*estimated based on 25% family members with average of four person family
**estimate based on golf use 3 times weekly during 24 week season
***estimate based on ski use 3 times weekly during 10 week season
C Inch and Lawfield closure



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- Master Plan - terms of reference
  - The terms of reference for the Culture and Recreation Master Plan contains the Guidelines by which a master plan report resource base is developed. It contains the details for a study team and presents the recommended format for such a report.
  - A committee of community volunteers, selected for their interests in culture and recreation, developed the terms and presented them to the Parks and Recreation Committee
  - The terms recommended the appointment of an independent study team but are to fully utilize existing reports and studies.

- Community Liason - networking development
  - Hamilton's cultural and recreational organizations and service delivery are most diversified. Major steps have been undertaken to develop a team approach to provide citizens with a comprehensive and meaningful services for leisure pursuits.

    Hamilton's Inter-agency committees C.L.E.A.R.(Culture, Leisure, Education, Arts, and Recreation) and S.P.A.R. (Special Population Advocates for Recreation), have been developing in its goals of assessing leisure services, avoiding duplication, exchanging resources and planning the upcoming 'Leisure Symposium'.

  - Heritage Services have been a priority for improved communications and a committee representing 18 region wide museums have been investigating join concerns. A "C.C.D.P." project with staff is anticipated in the new year to overview joint marketing, joint purchasing and other solutions for museums.

  - Neighbourhood Improvement Programs (Fed) and Ontario Neighbourhood Improvements Program are joint community and inter-department involvements to benefit the older neighbourhoods in Hamilton, Much effort has been made with staff representation playing a key role for provision at recreation facilities.

  - The volunteer spectrum in Hamilton is the most valuable resource. It provides the arts, the sports and the

and the communities with the heart which keeps our city pulsing. Provision of closer liason and support has been the key objective of '82 and will continue to be the priority for the future.

- Staff Development and Training - skill upgrading
  - spirited by seed funds from the Ministry of Culture and Recreation, new initiatives have been developed for the upgrading of staff skills and awareness relative to the economic and information needs for the '80's. Workshops and seminars in communication, supervision, time management and technical areas were launched to keep all levels of staff on top of better practices.
  - Groundwork is being developed toward improved situation leadership, community viability and marketing knowhow. Both City and Regional personnel departments are being called upon to answer specific department concerns for staff training.
  - Technical programs are being conducted for the basic requirements of direct operation and have upgraded us in such areas as First Aid, C.P.R., and grievance areas.

- Marketing of Leisure - promotion and public relations
  - The Hamilton Convention Centre and both Sports/ Leisure Showcase and Womens World were vehicles for community representation in 1982.
  - Efforts to extend the Media-Com board with representation on the 'Welcome to Hamilton' signage, a permanent booth at the Convention Centre, and City Hall open house will be developments to a greater and stronger image.
  - Continued tabloids in the spectator, radio, and T.V. programs and new releases will be extended to the Tourism Marketplace.

- Facility Development - new and renewed
  - The base work for a new recreation complex to serve the west mountain has been attained with Sod Turning completed. This will bring the compliment of centres to twelve and fill the void in the residential growth area in the south west of Hamilton.
  - Both Lawfield and Inch Park Arenas were upgraded this year with major efforts at Inch Park to renew that facility to full arena status. Consideration has been given for community services at both locations.
  - Playground installation continues to be a joint project of neighbourhoods and department. Ten installations were made - Birge, Norman Lewis, Wentworth Street, St. Brigets, Birch, Beemer, Douglas/Burton, Gage, West Avenue, and Woodlands Park.

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1. SIR WILFRID LAURIER RECREATION CENTRE
   360 Albright Avenue - 561-8980
2. SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL RECREATION CENTRE
   1715 Main Street East - 547-6042
3. SCOTT PARK - JIMMY THOMPSON POOL
   1099 King Street East - 544-0563
4. NORMAN "PINKY" LEWIS RECREATION COMPLEX
   192 Wentworth Street North - 528-6977
5. CENTRAL MEMORIAL RECREATION CENTRE
   93 West Avenue South - 528-7274
6. RYERSON RECREATION CENTRE
   251 Duke Street - 528-9906
7. BENNETTO RECREATION CENTRE
   450 Hughson Street North - 529-2948
8. DALEWOOD RECREATION CENTRE
   1150 Main Street West - 525-0083
9. WESTMOUNT RECREATION CENTRE
   39 Montcalm Drive - 389-6714
10. HILL PARK RECREATION CENTRE
    465 East 16th Street - 385-6331
11. HUNTINGTON PARK RECREATION CENTRE
    87 Brentwood Drive - 385-4911
12. OTTAWA STREET Y SENIORS CENTRE
    52 Ottawa Street North - 547-6861
13. MAIN HESS SENIORS CENTRE
    181 Main Street West - 525-8033
14. MACNAB STREET Y SENIORS CENTRE
    75 MacNab Street South - 529-7727
15. FIRST PLACE SENIORS CENTRE
    350 King Street East - 529-2725

The City of Hamilton has a wide cultural and recreation facilities to serve them.

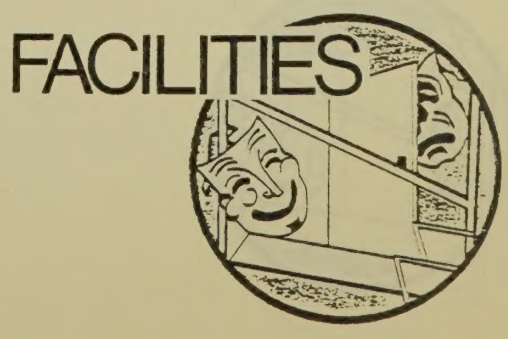
The Recreation Centre concept is based upon provision of staff in complexes adjoining schools (with two exceptions). Joint use is extended for community purposes at school sites.

Museum operations under the Historical Board offer experience in our fine Heritage.

Arenas are used year round to serve the ice programs as well as a wide variety of community programs.

Civic Golf and Ski areas in conjunction with the Parks division have developed into year round facilities for all ages.

The City Parks system is extensive and with joint use of school grounds serve the community sport enthusiasts



16. DUNDURN CASTLE & MILITARY MUSEUM
York Boulevard - 522-5313

17. WHITEHERN MUSEUM
41 Jackson Street West - 522-5664

18. CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
Gage Park - 549-9285

19. EASTWOOD ARENA
111 Burlington Street East - 529-7556

20. INCH PARK ARENA
400 Queensdale Avenue East - 385-9411

21. LAWFIELD ARENA
150 Folkstone Avenue - 387-0505

22. MOUNTAIN ARENA
25 Hester Street - 389-6891

23. PARKDALE ARENA
1770 Main Street East - 549-4751

24. ROSEDALE ARENA
100 Greenhill at Cochrane - 549-7502

25. SCOTT PARK ARENA
Cannon Street East - 544-1071

26. CORONATION ARENA
81 Macklin Street North - 528-3537

27. GLOBE PARK TENNIS CENTRE
Brampton E. & Woodward - 545-6604

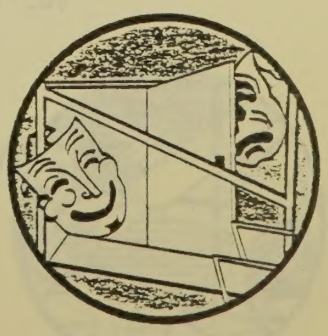
28. CHEDOKE GOLF AND SKI CENTRE
Aberdeen Avenue - 528-8227

29. KING'S FOREST GOLF AND SKI CENTRE
Greenhill Avenue - 547-9042

Others:

- Community Tennis Court Locations (10)
- Community Lawn Bowling Facilities (4)
- Ivor Wynne and Brian Timmis Stadia

*Facility operations acknowledge the co-operative efforts of community, Parks Division, Property and Maintenance, and Board of Education.



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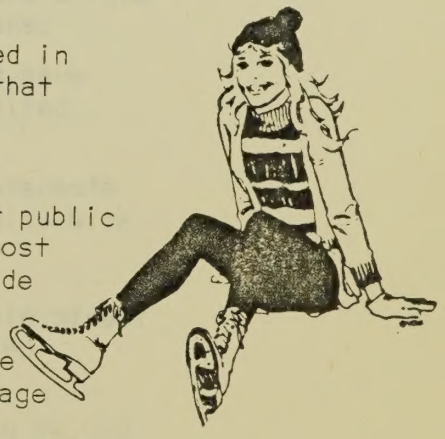
Programs to the leisure community SERVE . . . .

- All ages . . . Pre-schoolers to elderly persons
- All interests . . . Fitness to arts and crafts
- All needs . . . Leadership development to disabled person activities
- All seasons . . . Year round swimming yet seasonal interests

Direct operation of programs has always been a strength of recreation programs in Hamilton. Our program staff provide a diversified range of leisure programs to enhance the quality of life in the community.

Keeping abreast of changing interests and maintaining the direct line to the community being served is the priority of our program staff. Fees and charges have always been kept within the reach of all citizens while maintaining both quantity and quality of programs.

Within the next few pages we hope to hilite the programs offered in 1982 under direct staff responsibilities. It should be noted that specific facility reports are available upon request.



ARENAS - The eight municipally owned and operated arenas offer public programs of both an on-ice and off-ice nature. The most popular has to be the public skating hours that provide recreational activities and social community outlets.

Diversification has been explored this year to meet specific age grouping and family priorities. Preschool with parent and teenage musical events have been serving the ice time fun for all with community multi-purpose rooms now available at most arenas. Our managers can offer dryland exercise areas and sites for community meetings and planning.

Although the major services of ice activities are provided through the strength of volunteers, arena staff work closely with these persons to provide hockey, ringette and figure skating programs. Over 4,000 participate each year on a weekly basis in these recreation programs and considering the coaches, convenors, officials and executive, another 1,000 organizers are involved in the delivery of winter sports at the arenas.

Limited times are available for rental groups which range from company leagues to church groups. Efforts to offer special shinny or holiday events are always made based upon community interest.

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Centres - eleven recreation centres strategically located around Hamilton offer the standard programs in gym, pool or club rooms with the desired approach based upon the uniqueness of each part of our city. By hiliting the centres by name, you will find the fabric of Hamilton and its needs in leisure program, in vivid terms.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier - Nestled in the eastern-most community under the brow of our mountain, Laurier serves a recently developed community.

Attendance figures exceed 74,000 for a season as Laurier serves some 2,000 members and over 8,000 single time users.

Powerlifting has been a developing youth program but gym activities diversify to include gymnastics along with the regular programs.

Small Craft courses and demonstrations are unique to Laurier but swim classes attract and teach over 1,500 persons.

Short term courses on crafts to modeling have met with success at Laurier and it is one of two regularly visited centres of our Library system.

Special events focus on such specific interests as Karate or Dancing and solidify community involvement at Family Nite which this year offered the Circus theme.

Sir Winston Churchill - Change and growth has earmarked the main street east emporium serving a segmented community made up of newer and established communities.

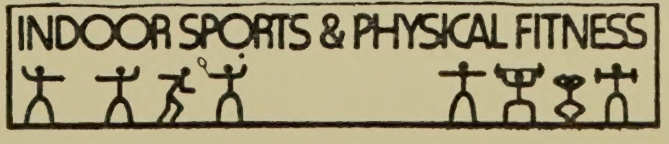
A total seasonal attendance goes beyond 64,000 persons which may be represented in a membership of over 1,600 members, 44 senior citizens and more than 10,000 single users.

Ladies fitness interests were met by adding an additional evening program and the boys volleyball interest carried them to the Eastern Canadian Championships in Nova Scotia.

Youth were sewing their way to new clothes or 'discoing' away the night.

Snorkel diving or games days are no stranger to Churchill pool where close to 1,000 persons were taught swimming skills.

Mexican Fiestas, Christmas Carnivals, Weiner Roasts and Niagara Falls trips verify the adventurous nature of staff and participants of Churchill Centre



Scott Park - Under the shadow of Ivor Wynne Stadium and in the tradition of Jimmy Thompson, Scott Park has challenged an established community of some ethnic origins to enjoy recreation beyond Hamilton's original pool

Over 60,000 users find their way to Scott Park increased family ticket users and senior citizen members. It was probably the hardest hit centre reflecting the economy and lay-offs or strikes.

Combined Parkview and Scott School Gymnasia serve interests ranging from badminton to floorhockey.

Violins under sixty youthful chins are unique to the clubroom scene and active seniors group expanded their interests.

The home of Hamilton's aquatics prospers for competitive swimmers and a learn to swim core of 220 upgraded their instructional goals.

Ismael youth volleyball, winterfest, and school break success stories can be matched by an Ontario 'A' swim team championship.

Norman "Pinky" Lewis Complex - The combined Gibson-Lansdale neighbourhoods can be proud of their newest Hamilton centre serving an established multi-cultured area.

A new season high of more than 80,000 attended the complex with over 2,200 members and almost 11,000 single users passing through the doors.

The gym scene has diversification plus Fitness or high jumping, judo or karate are but four of 22 outlets for fun.

With the added dimension of a therapeutic hot pool and high diving, aquatics take a foremost place at 'Pinky's Place'. Disabled adults to small frys can participate in programs in a cheerful pool surroundings.

In the clubroom areas, active programs from ballet to disco; wheelchair square dancing to quadriplegic recreation symbolize a creative development program.

The big event of the year was the action packed official opening which attracted around 1,000 participants but equal attention is credited to volunteer appreciation and Winterfest excitement.

Central Memorial - At the foot of the Clairmont access in the well established South Centre community, one of our older facilities continues

with a citywide focus.

Some 45,000 attendees whether part of the 800 or more members or 4,400 single ticket holders found their way to Central in '82.

Archery skills are in the forefront along with professional basketball and badminton.

Scuba Diving and plentiful public swimming are noted.

Friday night hops have long been a tradition only matched by the South Centre Community Councils standing for jazz and baton programs.

Ryerson - Mated with the refaced HAAA grounds and the Hamilton Tennis Club, Ryerson serves a south western area of Hamilton matched with highrise and established neighbourhoods.

A bustling 70,000 seasonal attendance and over 1,600 reflect increased child and senior members along with increased single ticket adult users.

Physical conditioning interest and 'nerf' youth games have become firmly entrenched along with a variety of traditionally favourite sports.

Higher aquatic enrolment has occurred with aquatot, water orientation along with novice syncronized swimming and diving.

Creativity is paramount in Ryerson club rooms with viable specialized crafts leading the way in decoupage, candle making and soapstone carving.

Ryerson is home to beach parties, winterfest and school break excitement. "Muppets" and horseback riding are still being talked about for their special nature.

Bennetto - The uniqueness of Hamilton's 'northend' has blended well with the 'renewed' effort in community involvement for Bennetto as a place for all people.

Over 46,500 persons represent over 900 members and 7,720 single ticket users at the arches of Bennetto.

Team play and Sportsmanship are nurtures in active sport programs serving many ages and including mixed youth and mixed adult programs. The mini crawlers at Parent and Tot activities indicate a health future on Hughson street.

Crossing Lake Ontario is simulated at the pool with other successful aquatics programs from water exercises to underwater SCUBA.

Special events of 50's nights, Winter Carnivals, and Adult Sport Challenges, keep the spirit strong.

Dalewood - Traditional Westdale, the fringes of McMaster University, and adjuncts of neighbouring municipalities add to the diverse nature of Dalewood's service.

Over 65,000 attendees keep Dalewood alive by membership (1,600) or single ticket users (3,300) in a season.

Dancercise, self defense and belly dancing are but three of the diversified active programs with strong participation at Dalewood.

Aquatic instruction was imparted to more than 300 last year along with 1st place diving results registered city wide. The tradition of handicapped swim instruction is carried on in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Hamilton.

Creative programs of mime, fun bands and learn to cook episodes are blended with other expected dance and craft events.

Specials are Dalewoods specialty. Outtrips for all ages, spaghetti eating, winetasting and night at the track are but a few of the hilites.

Westmount - The population mushroom of the West Mountain has indeed created our centre with the most members and demands for programs.

With over 2,800 members and 8,500 single ticket users, it is no surprise that a seasonal attendance can go over 88,000 persons.

The largest basketball program in Hamilton thrives at Westmount. It's no surprise that cheerleading has grown beyond capacity. Mens and Ladies fitness togetherness has been but another of the well received programs.

Over 1,300 have registered for swim classes ranging from small fry to adult. Special classes in syncronized, diving and waterpolo also abound.

Club room activities for seniors to pre-school are very diversified. Tiny tot gym, crafts, woodworking, ceramics, and dancing are but a few.

Along with the specials of the seasons, Westmount features

Parent Day Aquatics, and one day tournaments.

Hill Park - Centrally Mountain located is a good place to live and enjoy recreation. An established, renewed and "hirise" community challenges the program.

More than 2,000 members and 9,000 ticketers contribute to attendances of 76,000 in the season.

Golfers, fitness lovers, soccer enthusiasts and gymnasts won't be disappointed at Hill Park. A 'B' division championship volleyball team can also be boasted.

Pool time is more than you could want. Distant swimmers, award seekers and family sporters can be satisfied within a schedule that taught learn to swim to hundreds.

Movie of the month, model building, ju-jitsu and looking abound among a wide range of club programs serving all ages.

400 kids agreed March break was worthy of being called special. Winterfest, and Happydays are but two other reasons for saluting the Hill Park efforts.

Huntington - East Mountain and the home of family recreation are synonomous with Huntington, serving a community who know how to maximize leisure time.

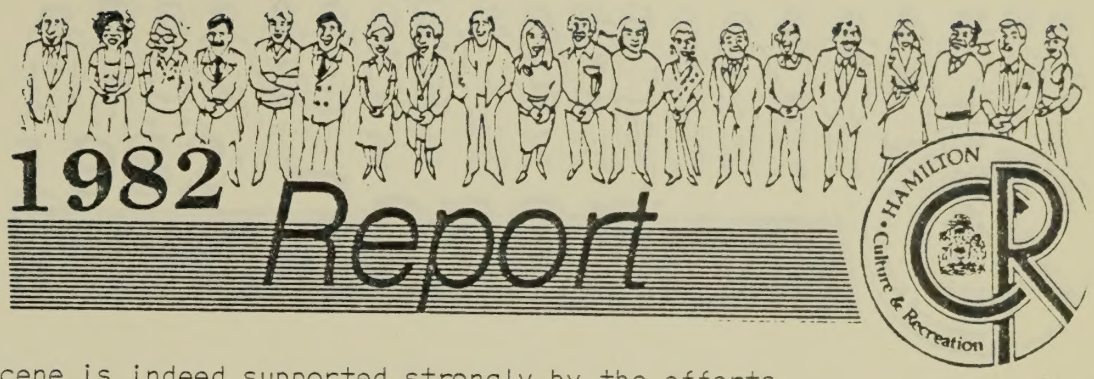
100,000 and more pass through the portals either as single visitors (5,300) or as members (2,600).

High Attendance and broad planning compliment the range of gym services for all ages at Huntington. Morning, Afternoon and Evening fitness, golf, ski and sports of all varieties keep you active.

Huntington's pool size is dwarfed by the success of the aquatic program. Over 1,600 in over 100 classes are the hub of the schedule which also includes handicapped swimming, swim-a-thons and lifesaving programs.

A to Z, Aikido to Jazz reflect the range for club room users. Crochet, babysitting, guitar, pottery and calorie counting are but a few of the attractions.

Frosty Frolics, Kermit Kapers, Super Stars are names that stand alone in special events. Backyard pool owners appreciate the tips on operating, and Fit-five enthusiasts now breath easier.



Yes, the Recreation Scene is indeed supported strongly by the efforts of staff and volunteers at the Recreation Centres.

Historical Sites

Four city operated "museums" have recently joined with the Culture and Recreation Department for delivery of services and programs.

Children's Museum

The childrens 'hands-on' museum is an active home for families travelling to the Gage Park location.

The themes change on a regular basis but the dress-up, act-out and learn nature is ever present.

Dundurn Castle

Hamilton's pride and joy has engulfed over 72,000 lovers of history and flair for the present.

Tours of the historical home play a role matched in scale by the 25 special events which range from "Herb and Spice festivals" to "House Restoration". Sporting life and Wheelman are but two other featured attractions.

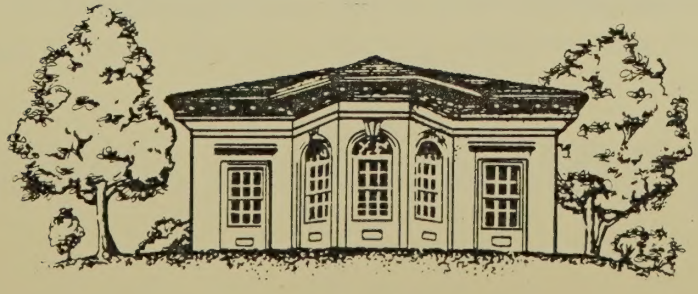
The Military Museum

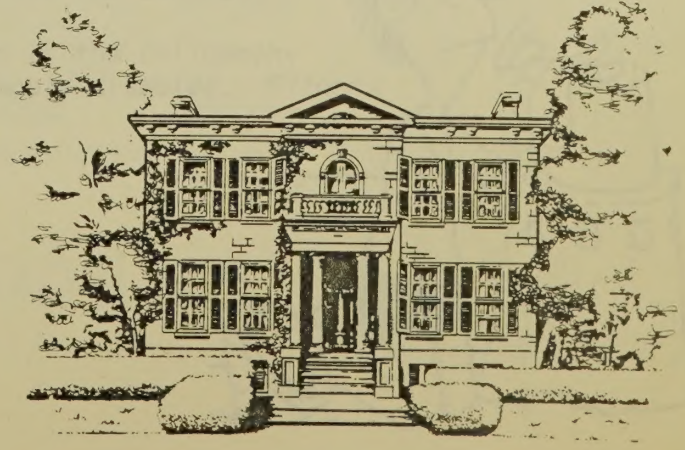
The galleries boast a changing exhibition of Military memorabilia. Period guards, military bands and even fencing displays verify the interesting nature of this unique facility.

Whitehern

Now a film star, in the 4.5 million dollar production of "The Wars", but Whitehern is still loyal to her visitors with lunch munchin', antique carnivals and tours in the attic events.

Antique cars seem in the right environment as does Flora of Quebec. Visitors have increaseed by over 4% in the past year.





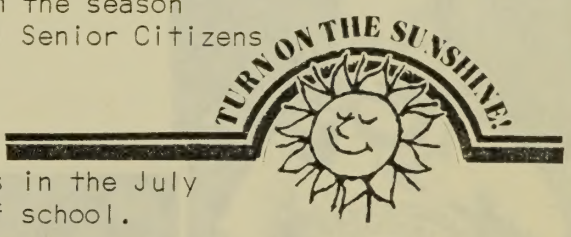
SENIOR CENTRES

The Department is involved with the operation of the three major senior citizens (elderly persons) centres with the direct operation of Main Hess Centre and the financial and policy support of the MacNab YWCA and Ottawa St. YWCA.

In addition to these facilities, a number of community clubs exist at recreation centres and through co-ordination and joint efforts liason is maintained with numerous other local neighbourhood church clubs.

Programs vary from the fitness orientation to the social scene. Both Lithuanian and English choirs are in concert with fun bands. Drama and comedy abound and can be best displayed in the annual extravaganza 'Geritol Follies'; for the more creative liqiud embrodery, reed weaving or ceramics.

Special events keep the interest high and range from the season specials to gong shows, rummage sales and the annual Senior Citizens Week.



Summer Programs

The summer planning starts in January but culminates in the July and August period when children and teens are out of school.

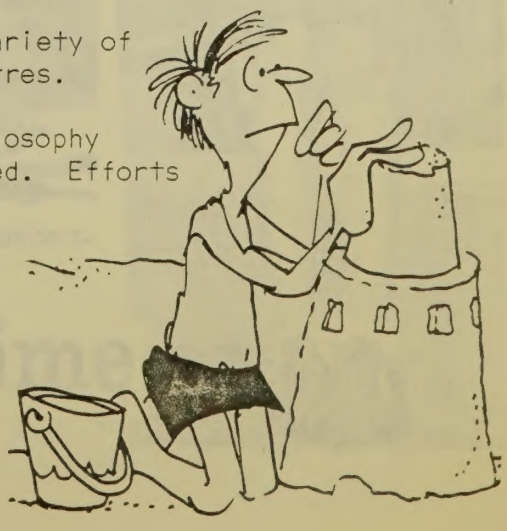
City Playgrounds - some with wading pools, add the dimension of games, songs, crafts and special events to city bound children. The leaders put major efforts into interesting programs and components for safety. Specials range from Film Festivals, Craft Shows, Swim Meets, Soccer Tournaments and include visiting groups around Puppetry, Nature, Consumer Outreach.

Tennis Programs - provides instruction to over 850 youth and adults with minimal charges. It offers an opportunity to play competitively and for skill development.

Kidaca Experience - is a day camp-adventure program that offers camping with out-tripping experience from four base locations.

Teen Program - serves the unemployed teen first with a variety of on going and special events at arenas and recreation centres.

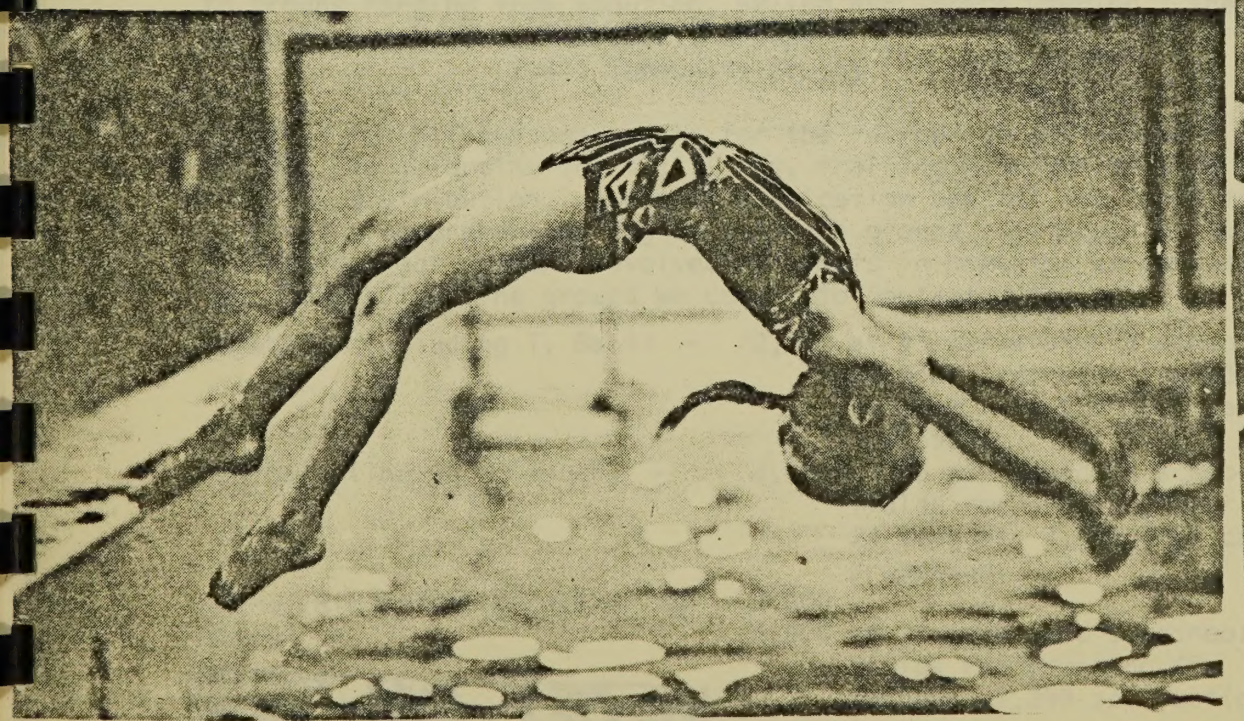
Integrated Programs - rather than segregation is the philosophy of the Department in serving all but the severely disabled. Efforts



to provide for special needs with supportive approaches and resources span a wide variety of programs.

Outdoor Pools - have a particular attraction about them when the summer sun is at its peak. Instructional programs and special events are mixed with plenty of public opportunities for plunges.

Sports - are the big order of business in the summertime and are covered in the 'Services' section of the report. In addition to these areas, the department works with organizers of Lacrosse, summer skating and hockey schools, the CANUSA games and sailing schools.



Melanie Olds celebrates her win in first heat with a back dive. —Picture by Bob Chambers.

Rec meet a splashing good time

1982 SERVICES Report

Services - "helping good things happen"

Community Services - might be related back to the way a recreation department first gets started and certainly is the thread for its continuation into wider leisure services.

When a neighbourhood group touches a need for individuals or the general public in the leisure field, the department has traditionally been the first to respond.

Community Councils have long been established in serving more than sports needs and all are congratulated for their continued volunteer efforts which give Hamilton its true character.

Neighbourhood Associations serve in the growing provision of winter skating on natural rink surfaces but provide a vital link to the needs of our citizens.

The Department provides both staff and office services to support the ongoing and special nature of community undertakings.

The Community Use of Schools, at Board of Education charges or less has opened the opportunity for activities to groups ranging from Scouting, Skiing and Square Dancing. The Use of Schools - 2,042 Sports Groups
2,417 Community Groups

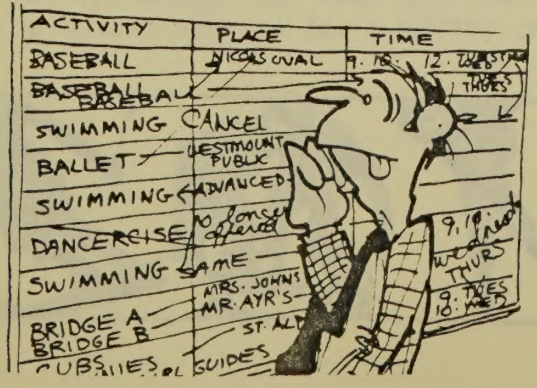
Sports - for all seasons abound for the recreation enthusiast whether its co-ordinating facilities, training opportunities or resource distribution. A recent publication has for the first time provided a comprehensive log of all such groups. Although we cannot pin point exact numbers involved in sports in Hamilton we can estimate the numbers from the groups we came into contact with.

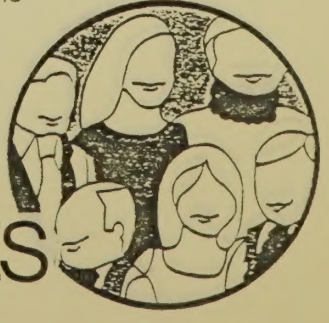
Baseball (including T. Ball) - 12,000 at 93 parks and 78 school-based diamonds representing 133 leagues. 11,686 applications processed.

Football (including touch) - 4,000 at 13 parks and 14 school-based fields representing over 24 leagues. 4,350 applications processed.

Hockey/Ringette/Figure Skating - 5,000

Soccer - 8,000 at 25 parks and 26 school-based fields representing 48 leagues. 7,289 applications processed.



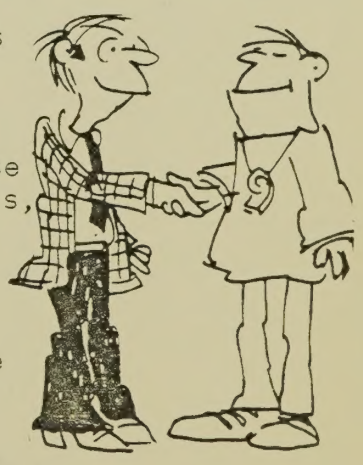


SERVICES

Lawnbowling - 600
Tennis - 2,400

Other sports groups served include cricket, rugby, and field hockey.

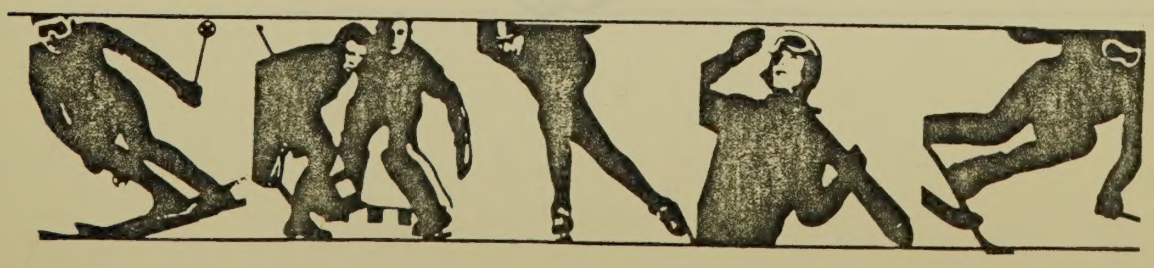
Volunteers are a vital commodity in every aspect of culture and recreation in Hamilton. The man-hours dedicated to community purposes exceed one million from conservative estimates. Some are honoured with titles, some saluted by acknowledgements but all gain the wealth of human experience and a great deal of satisfaction. The range of volunteers runs from time spent on a sports field, in a board room, with a disabled swimmer, or preserving an artifact. Volunteers are an important resource determining the quality of life in our city.

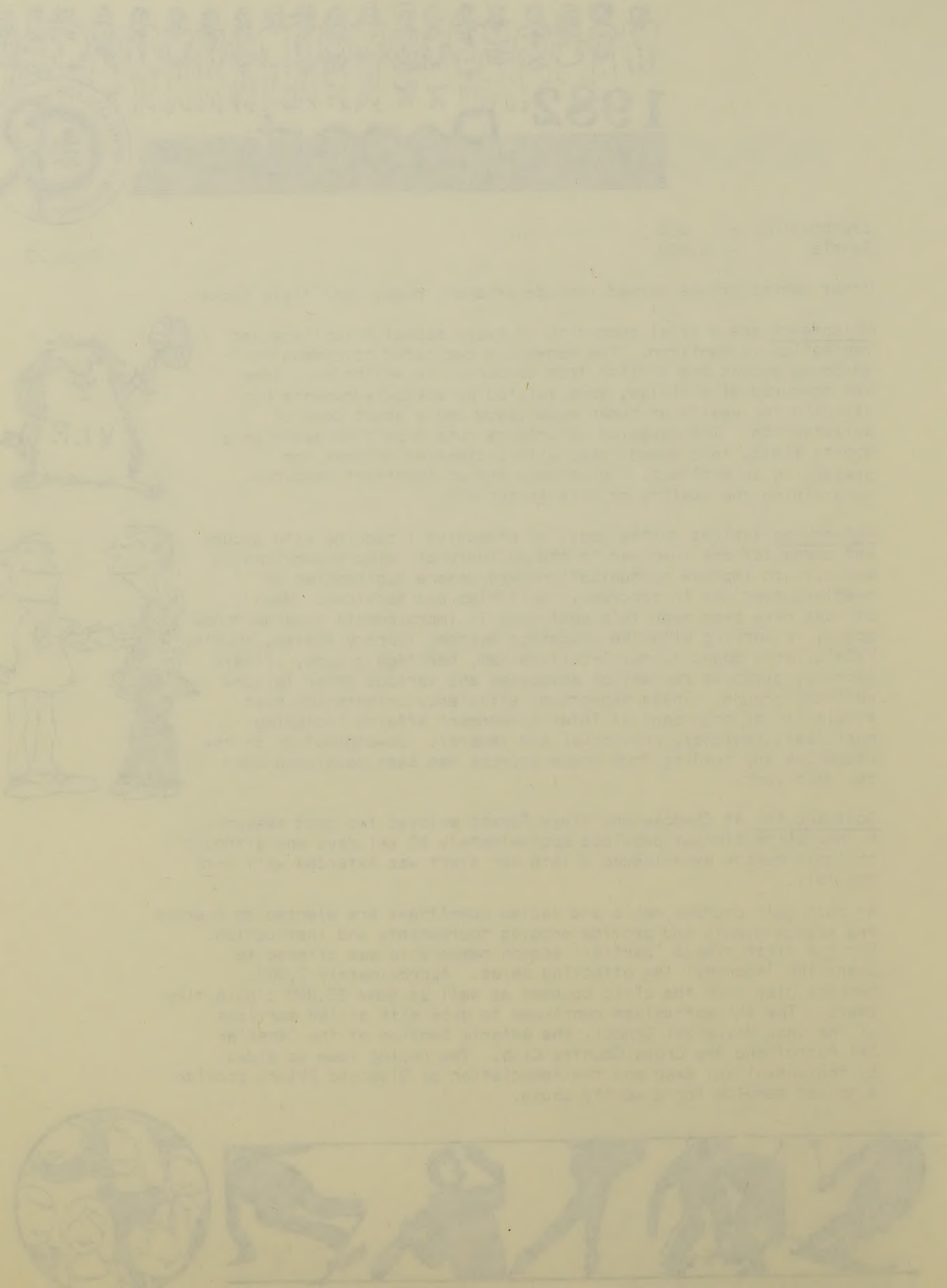


Networking aspires to the goals of effective liasoning with groups and organizations involved in the delivery of leisure services in our city to improve communications and detere duplication or needless overlaps in programs, facilities and services. Many strides have been made this past year in improvements towards these goals, in working with the education system, library system, YMCA's, YWCA's, arts council, multi-culturalism, heritage groups, private sectors, disabled recreation advocates and various other leisure delivery groups. These aspects of efficiency orientation must similarily be cognisant of inter-government affairs including municipal, regional, provincial and federal. Co-ordination of the resources and funding from these sources has been developed over the past year.

Golf and Ski at Chedoke and Kings Forest enjoyed two good seasons. A snow white blanket provided approximately 60 ski days and although the golf season experienced a late wet start was extended well into the fall.

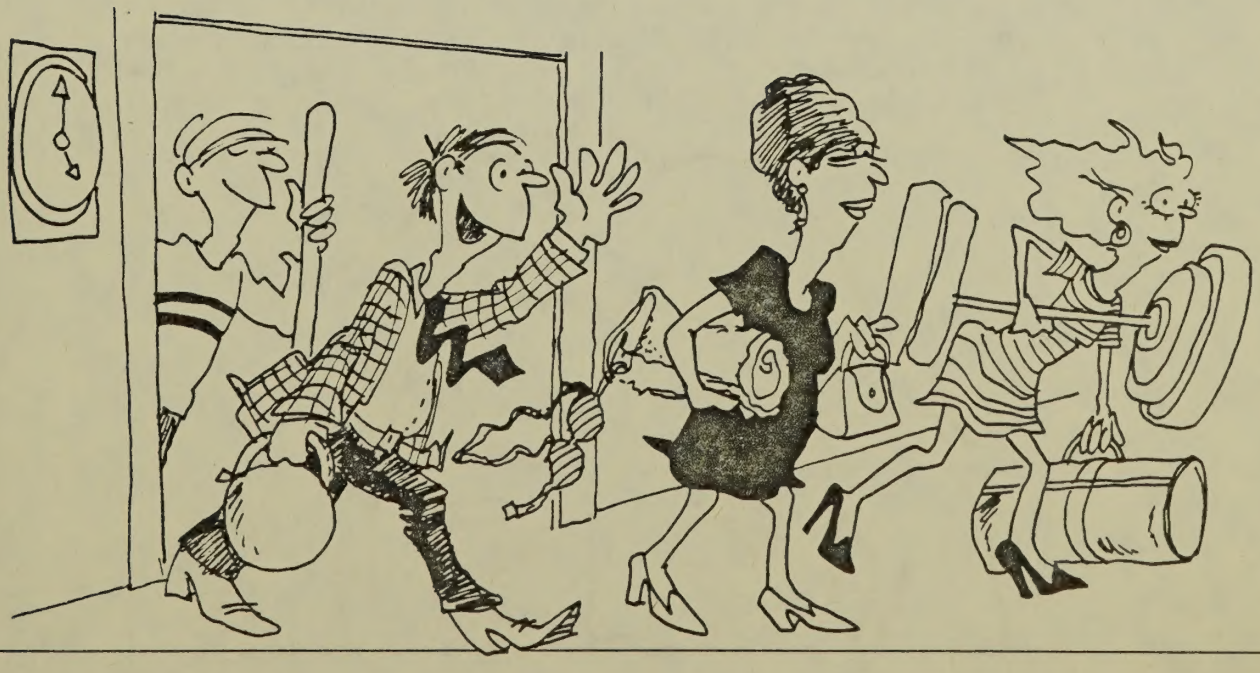
At both golf courses men's and ladies committees are elected to oversee the season events and provide ongoing tournaments and instruction. For the first time a 'partial' season membership was offered to spark the 'economy' lag effecting sales. Approximately 2,000 members play from the civic courses as well as some 30,000 single time users. The ski enthusiasm continues to grow with allied services of the Snow Hawks Ski School, the Ontario Section of the Canadian Ski Patrol and the Cross Country Club. The racing team is aided by the annual ski swap and the Association of Disabled Skiers provide a valued service for a worthy cause.





Special Events cross the vast programs and services outlined within this report. They vary from participation in marketing ventures to those allied with the Hamilton Special Events Committee. Of particular note must be the annual Winterfest and Senior Citizens Week. We cannot under estimate the value of a special tournament, buddy week, a special banquet or a special display which serve to 'spark' the ongoing curriculum of leisure.

Ivor Wynne/Brian Timmis Stadia are not only the home of Professional football and Semi-pro soccer but also the mecca for Field hockey, Cheerleaders, Drum and Bugle Corps and Ethnic celebrations. For sure soccer and football dominate the scenario and this includes services to the Boards of Education as well as amateur sport groups. Four hundred and twenty-three (423) games and two hundred and thirty-seven (237) practices make for a busy sports scheduling.



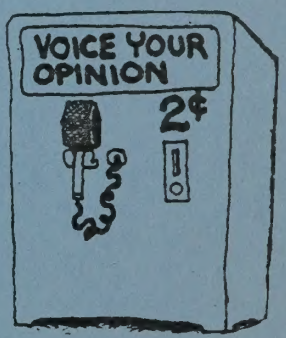
FUTURE 1982 Report

THE FUTURE

The Department of Culture and Recreation will continue to respond both pro-actively and reactively to the leisure needs of Hamilton.

The year upon us, 1983 will realize the opening of a new recreation centre at Sir Alan McNab, a new restaurant McNab Arms at Dundurn Castle, new parks and playstructures and special incentives in projects of Heritage nature.

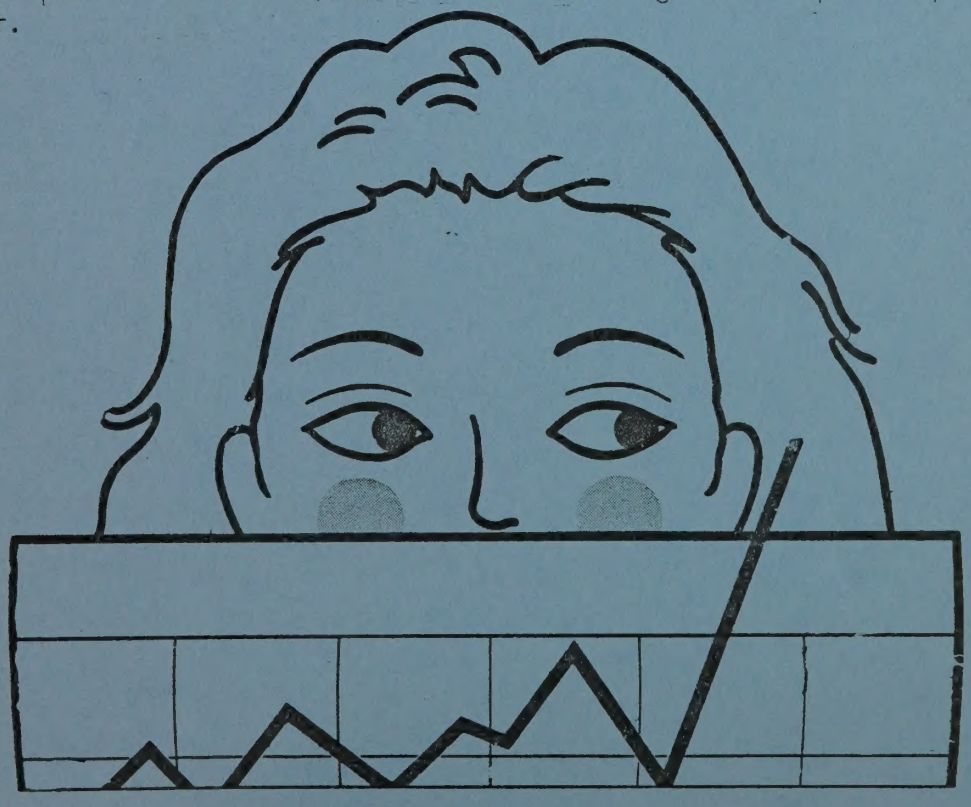
Imminent but with long term effect will be the landing of the Culture and Recreation Master Plan. It promises to provide a process addressing the leisure needs of Hamilton beyond the next 10 to 20 years.



Other events to watch for include:

- Canadian Athletic Association Women in Sport Study
- Leisure Symposium
- Heritage Co-operative Project
- Hamilton - The Unemployed and Leisure Report
- Welcome to Hamilton Billboard Representation
- Canadian Physical Activity Week
- Opening of Major Soccer Facility (403)

The future in leisure for Hamilton depends a great deal on both co-ordination of public and private factions to maximize the dollar value for citizens. Continued liasons with other agencies and development of staff capabilities will be high on our priority list.



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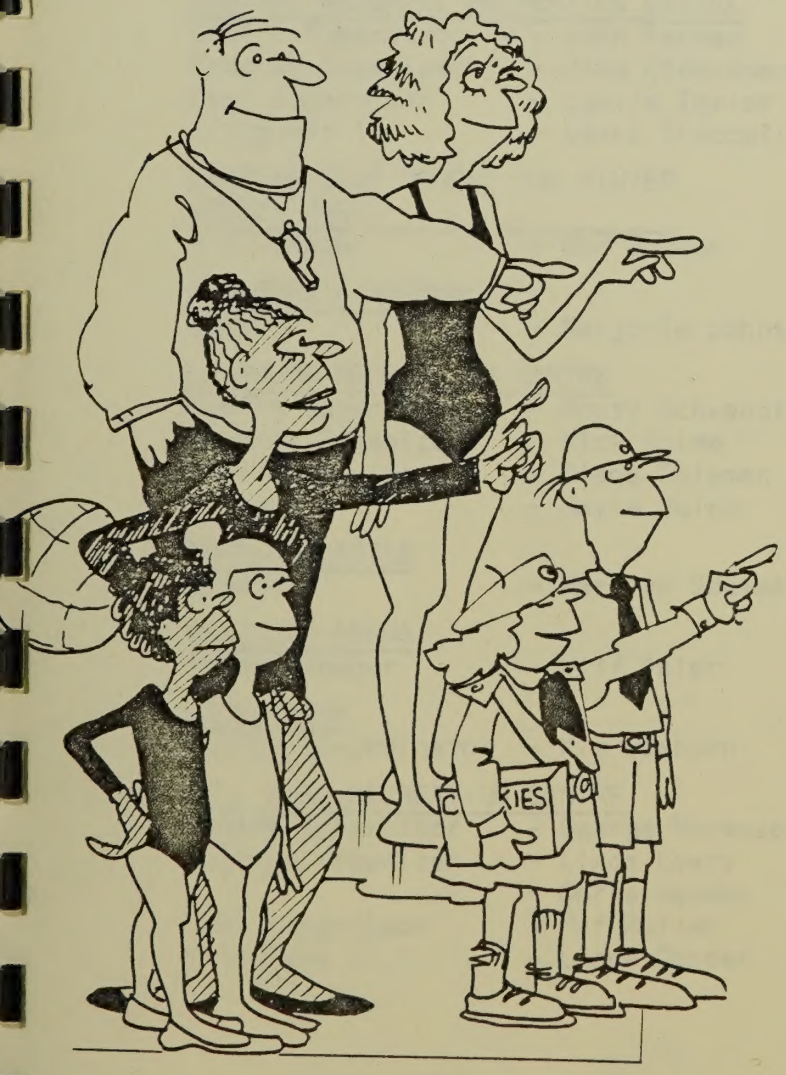
The Department, staff and volunteers acknowledge the work and efforts of the 1982 council under Mayor Wm. Powell. The policy development of the Parks and Recreation Committee, under the chairman, Alderman Ken Edge, continues to lead the way for a better community and we gratefully acknowledge the committee's work. We look forward to working with the newly elected council and committee.



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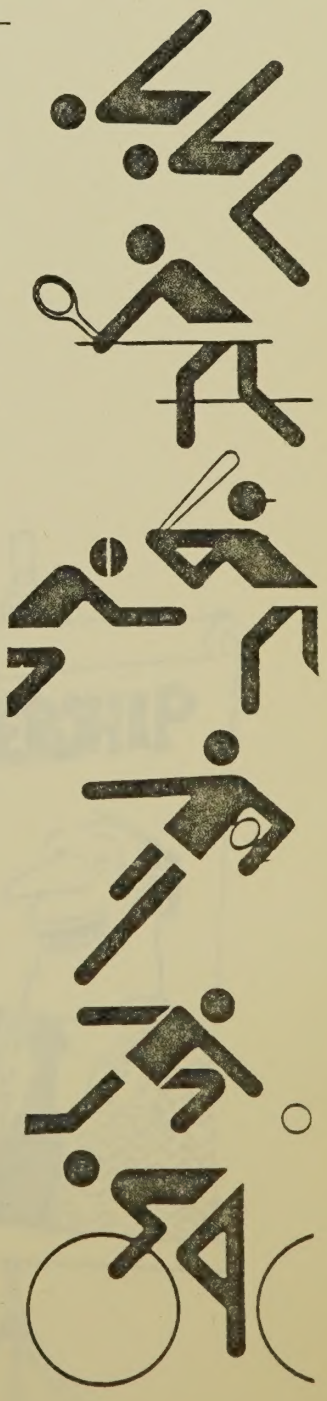

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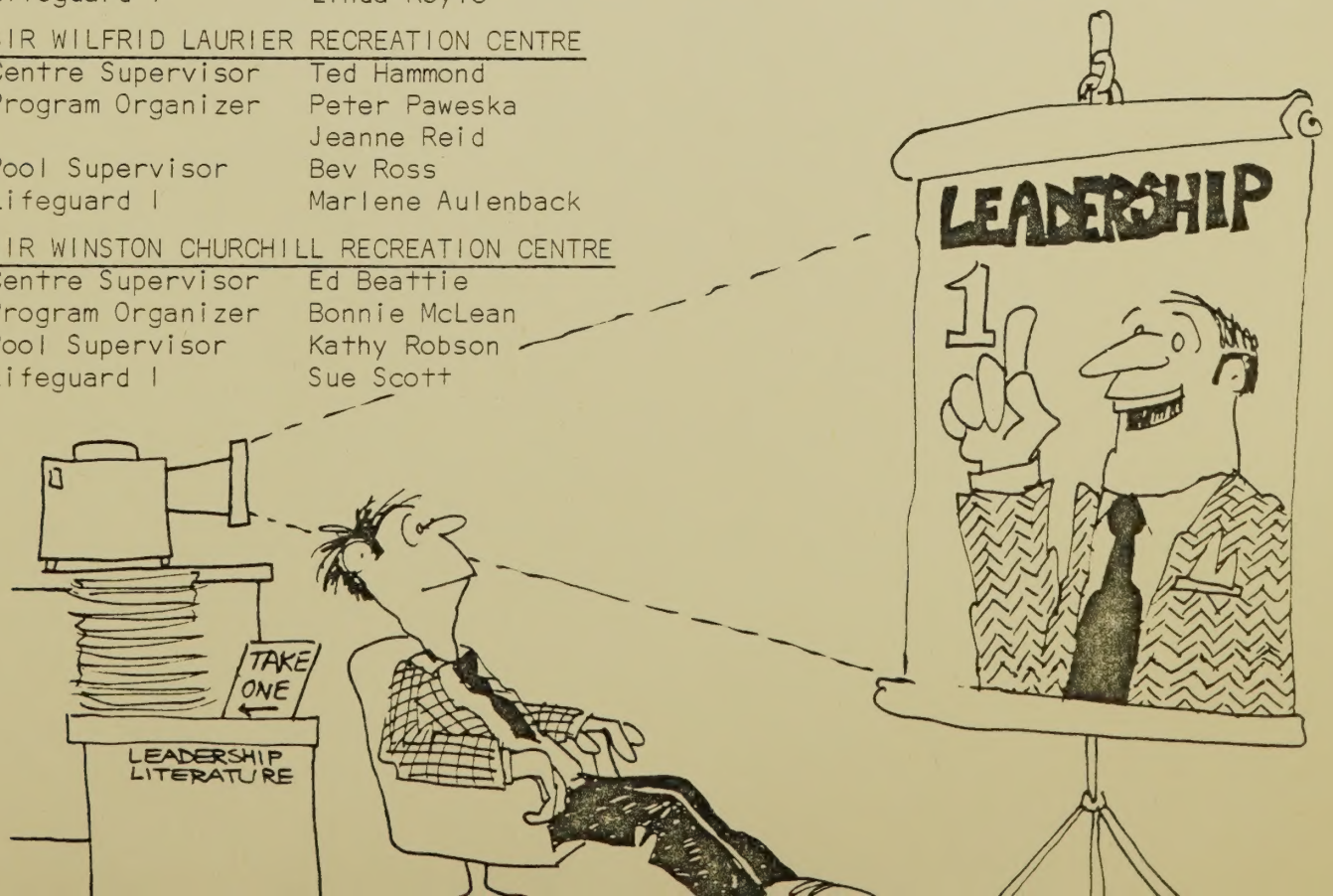

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